

Southern Oromo language

Southern Oromo, or **Afaan Oromoo** (after one of its dialects), is a variety of Oromo spoken in southern Ethiopia and northern Kenya by the Borana people. Günther Schlee also notes that it is the native language of a number of related peoples, such as the Sakuye.^[3]

Dialects are Borana proper (Boran, Borena), possibly Arsi (Arussi, Arusi) and Guji (Gujji, Jemjem) in Ethiopia and, in Kenya, Karayu, Salale (Selale), Gabra (Gabbra, Gebra) and possibly Orma and Waata.

The language is locally and commonly known as *Afaan Oromoo*("Oromo language").

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Southern Oromo	
Borana	
Region	Kenya, Ethiopia
Ethnicity	Borana Oromo, Sakuye
Native speakers	3.9 million (2000-2009) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cushitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lowland East<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oromoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oromo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Oromo
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	gax
Glottolog	bora1271 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bora1271) ^[2]

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